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REMARKS

This document is in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2006.

The rejected claims 14-15, 17 and 19-29, have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 9 have been allowed. Claims 16 and 18 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, all of the claims remaining are allowable.

In view of the amendment to the claims, Applicants urge that the claims are now in condition for allowance and early allowance is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

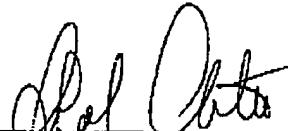
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Sanford Astor (Reg. No. 20,748) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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